

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 484

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor Parkridge Valley on the occasion of the institution's 40th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to Parkridge Valley, the first private psychiatric hospital in the Chattanooga area, which, for the past forty years, has provided exemplary medical service and compassionate care to countless patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, opened on September 15, 1973 with fifty beds for the treatment of adult patients, the facility soon grew, adding a new building in 1977, which increased capacity to sixty-five beds; and

WHEREAS, Parkridge Valley had expanded to 100 beds by 1982 when it opened a unit for the treatment of adolescents, as well as a unit for individuals with Alcohol and Drug (A & D) addiction issues; and

WHEREAS, 1983 saw the opening of Valley Academy, and Valley became the first HCA hospital to have an on-site school for children and adolescents undergoing treatment; and

WHEREAS, continuing to expand its outreach and service programs over the years, in 1988, Valley opened its RESPOND 24-hour hotline to provide free counseling services and assessments to the community; and

WHEREAS, Parkridge Valley began its Child and Adolescent residential program in 1992 and in 1994, the in-patient gero-psychiatric program known as The Senior Life Center opened on the Parkridge Medical Center campus; and

WHEREAS, Parkridge Valley officially became part of the Parkridge Health System in 1996 and in 1997, a Christian-focused counseling program, New Horizons, moved from Parkridge Medical Center to the Parkridge Valley campus; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Parkridge Valley opened an office in Cleveland and established the Intensive Outpatient Program for patients north of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, over the next several years, the facility expanded space for its RESPOND program, registration, and administration, and established an Impaired Professionals Program for adults and the Child and Adolescent Subacute program for pediatric patients with less-severe conditions; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Parkridge Valley purchased a former children's psychiatric facility three miles from the existing campus and began renovations in preparation to separate adult and senior services from child and adolescent services and provide patients with additional treatment space; and

WHEREAS, Parkridge Valley is proud to become a two-facility psychiatric hospital in 2013, with an Adult and Senior Campus and a Child and Adolescent Campus fully committed to serving the community for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to specially recognize and commend Parkridge Valley for its forty years of distinguished service to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the administration, medical professionals, staff, and volunteers of Parkridge Valley on the occasion of its 40th anniversary and salute their service to the greater Chattanooga area and the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.